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Summary**

Geographical names are important vehicles of national and ethnic culture. With the rapid development of a new type of urbanization in China, a large number of geographical names have disappeared and new ones continue to appear. At the same time, the emergence of exaggerated, foreign, strange or redundant geographical names has damaged the toponymic culture and cut off the historical tradition. The Government of China has taken the second national survey of geographical names as an opportunity and made special plans to rectify and standardize the existing non-standard geographical names. This activity is presently being officially implemented as planned.

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